

I-8 Widening (2nd Street to Greenfield Drive)

■ OVERALL GOALS

- Reduce traffic congestion
- Improve freeway operation
- Provide noise abatement

■ THE PROJECT

The project proposes to extend the eastbound left lane and upgrade the left shoulder of Interstate 8 from 2nd Street to Greenfield Drive. The project includes widening the bridges at East Main Street and Broadway, and removing the Grape Street Pedestrian Overcrossing (POC). The construction of noise abatement such as walls, berms, and landscaping along both directions of I-8 is also planned.

■ TRAFFIC

Currently, approximately 90,000 vehicles per day travel this segment of freeway. It is estimated that by the year 2020 more than 120,000 vehicles per day will travel this section of I-8.

■ FUNDING

The estimated construction cost for the project is \$9.7 million. The project is funded as part of the State Highway Operations and Protection Plan (SHOPP).

■ PROJECT STATUS AND SCHEDULE

The environmental phase of the project is complete with the design phase now underway. The project should begin construction in late 2006 and be completed and open to traffic in late 2008.

■ CONTACT

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